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1 MR. BRANDON: Okay. According to my
2 watch and the clock on the back wall, it's 7:00,
3 time to start the meeting. Before we start the
4 meeting, we'll do as we always do and we will have
5 an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance and I
6 would like to call on Robert Goff to lead us in both
7 of those, please.

8 (Thereupon, the invocation and
9 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

10 MR. BRANDON: This is the regularly
11 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Commission
12 which takes place at the same time on the first
13 Thursday of every month. Proper notice of this
14 meeting was given to the legal organ of Dade County
15 and has been posted in the hallway of the
16 Administration Building. I'll call the roll and
17 have it recorded by the clerk. Mr. Lowery?

18 MR. LOWERY: Here.

19 MR. BRANDON: Ms. Moore?

20 MS. MOORE: Here.

21 MR. BRANDON: Mr. Pittman?

22 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

23 MR. BRANDON: Mr. Young?

24 MR. YOUNG: Here.

25 MR. BRANDON: And the chair is present.

1 We have a forum and, therefore, a legal meeting.

2 Reading of the minutes of the May 2008
3 regular meeting will not be required since all
4 Commissioners have been furnished copies in advance.
5 The minutes are public record and available for
6 review in the county manager's office. The minutes
7 are included in the consent agenda. At this time, I
8 would like to ask the clerk to read all the other
9 items that are also in the consent agenda, please.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: The regular agenda as
11 amended, approval of previous meeting minutes, the
12 approval of the following appointments, new
13 employees hired since May 1st, 2008, Mr. Howard
14 Doyle for a three-year term to the Board of
15 Assessors replacing Lorraine Fox's expiring term,
16 appointment of Dr. Billy Pullen, Region 1 EMS Board
17 for a two-year term replacing Scott Ratiker's
18 expiring term, appointment of Mrs. Diane Rumley to
19 DFCS Board for a five-year term, Mr. Buddy Stevens
20 to the Alcohol Beverage and Control Board to a
21 three-year terms. Invoices for the month of May or
22 June, I should say, Georgia Chapter of the Trail of
23 Tears Association proclamation and health care
24 service contract for the Dade County jail inmates
25 awarded to Southern Health Partners through

1 12/31/08.

2 MR. BRANDON: Good enough. Thank you
3 very much. To approve the consent agenda, it
4 requires a vote. Do I have a motion to approve the
5 consent agenda?

6 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
7 approve the consent agenda.

8 MR. BRANDON: I have a motion. Is
9 there a second?

10 MR. LOWERY: Second.

11 MR. BRANDON: I'll call the roll.
12 Mr. Young?

13 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

14 MR. BRANDON: Ms. Moore?

15 MS. MOORE: Yes.

16 MR. BRANDON: Mr. Pittman?

17 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

18 MR. BRANDON: Mr. Lowery?

19 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

20 MR. BRANDON: And the chair votes yes.

21 Moving on into administrative matters, we have
22 Commissioners' district reports and I think Ms.
23 Moore is the only one who said she had one. I'll
24 call on her at this time.

25 MS. MOORE: Okay. A lot of times we

1 used to have the public works director that would
2 tell what roads and bridges or whatever they had
3 worked on, but we just received a call from Head
4 River and they were wanting some work done on their
5 roads out there and they were wanting more of the
6 chipping and tarring, but we were unable to do that,
7 but we did go out and work on Alsobrook Road, Long
8 Branch Road, Griff Johnson Road, Gordon Forester
9 Road, Head River Ranch and graded and regraveled all
10 that and filled in the ditches just this week.

11 And in Piney we replaced the guardrails
12 where there had been an accident there on Burkhalter
13 Gap Road and the bridges have been inspected and the
14 plans are to repave over the bridge there at Piney
15 and along with the help of the Georgia Department of
16 Transportation working with Billy Massengale and
17 that had been going on for quite some time in trying
18 to decide whether it was the County right-of-way or
19 the State right-of-way, but determined it was the
20 State right-of-way and finally got that Brow Lake
21 Road tile fixed there at the intersection of Scenic
22 Highway and the County went out the very next day
23 and put coal mix in the holes there and smoothed
24 that down.

25 Krupski Loop, we had a lot of

1 complaints about Krupski Loop and a lot of college
2 people that were blocking the roads and couldn't get
3 anyone in and out with ambulances or even a fire
4 truck if you needed to. So that's really a state
5 law that they cannot block your right-of-ways there
6 and our sheriff did go out and talk with a lot of
7 them there to try to get that matter corrected. But
8 while he was there, he noticed that the cross drains
9 were stopped up and the ditches and the tiles needed
10 to be cleaned and they cut all the limbs out of the
11 right-of-way. So those of you that live there or go
12 by there will find out it does look a little bit
13 better.

14 And just this month, they did go out
15 around all the mailboxes up there and filled it in
16 with gravel and tar mix. And I believe also they
17 have mowed in all of the communities on the
18 mountain, mowed all the right-of-ways and the
19 ditches have been cleaned out and I rode around with
20 the public works director and saw that all of that
21 has been done. So there has been a lot of work
22 that's been going on in the county with our public
23 works director and our employees and I really
24 commend them for the work they're doing.

25 MR. BRANDON: Thank you, Ms. Moore. I

1 have a couple of things in executive update just
2 very briefly. One of them, I wanted to remind the
3 candidates that if you have signs that are on the
4 county right-of-way, as we come around and mow, they
5 will probably take your sign up if it's on the
6 county right-of-way so they can mow because it's too
7 much trouble to pull a sign up and mow and then put
8 the sign back. So if you've got signs on the county
9 right-of-way and they disappear, you might check
10 down at the maintenance barn and they can be picked
11 up down there. And the state will do the same
12 thing, by the way, because four years ago, if you
13 put them out one day, the next day they would be
14 gone and if you put them out again, they would be
15 gone two days later. So they would always end up in
16 the same place, so be careful where you put your
17 signs if you're campaigning.

18 The other thing that Lamar wanted to
19 remind me to bring this up, it was a really nice
20 service that was kind of above and beyond the call
21 of duty. Bruce Castleberry and Alex Case, we had a
22 problem with the flag pole over by the old
23 courthouse. It had -- the rope had jumped off the
24 pulley up at the top and we hadn't been able to put
25 the flag up for some time. So the two of them got

1 together and went over there and took the City's
2 ladder truck and fixed the flag pole. So that
3 was -- that was really a good gesture and we
4 appreciate the City allowing Alex to do that and got
5 that working again, so now we can raise the flag
6 again. We really appreciate them doing that.

7 Next up under appearances, do we have
8 anybody from the City of Trenton here this evening?

9 MR. CERVELLI: The mayor didn't come.

10 MR. BRANDON: Which one?

11 MR. CERVELLI: The current one.

12 MR. BRANDON: Oh, the current one, the
13 interim mayor.

14 All right. Moving on to item number
15 four under fiscal matters, I'll ask Don to read us
16 the financial report, please.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: As you can see, we have
18 a power point system now with a screen. Last month
19 I believe it was mentioned that the public would
20 like to see some of the numbers that I call out, so
21 very soon we'll have that working. They just
22 installed it the last two days, so be patient with
23 us, but it should be a little bit better. We're
24 just entering the budget season, so that will be a
25 lot of fun that we'll all get to enjoy here in the

1 next three months or so, the budget process.

2 Hopefully, we can use this so everybody will be on
3 the same page as we go through the budget. I just
4 wanted to point that out. We put it intentionally
5 right over Scottie and Lamar's head.

6 MR. BRANDON: The quick release is
7 right up there.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Drug education fund,
9 \$73,082; federal asset fund, \$10,875; special
10 sheriff's fund, \$45,557; jail fund, \$7,440; juvenile
11 services fund, \$12,307; victim assistance fund,
12 \$1,722; payroll, 72,838; general fund, \$500,388.
13 Those are all balances as of May 31st.

14 Principal and interest account with our
15 S.P.L.O.S.T funds, 1,277,565; principal and interest
16 CDs, 450,000; capital bond, 633,941; capital bond
17 CDs, 200,000. It continues to shrink because we're
18 slowly moving that money from CDs into the checking
19 account in order to expense that money hopefully
20 very soon with the new court facility.

21 The following page is balances for the
22 principal and interest CDs and capital CDs and page
23 three is the redeemed and renewed certificates.

24 Page five is the Dade County income statement as of
25 April 30th, the balance sheet as of April 30th.

1 Revenues, we have -- with 41.67 percent of the year,
2 revenues attained so far this year is 44.02 percent.
3 Expenses is 37.34 percent. So, again, that's good.
4 41 percent of the year, 42 percent. 44 percent
5 revenues. That's a little higher than the budget.
6 Expenses are a little lower than the budget and
7 that's a good thing.

8 We've been averaging at the bottom.
9 You see revenues less expenses for May, a little
10 over -- right around \$200,000 that we've been using
11 out of our account per month versus just the
12 revenues coming in and expensing those revenues. So
13 it's down a little bit. It's only 116,000 this
14 month. That's a good sign. Revenues less expenses
15 year-to-date is \$623,332.

16 I did mention last month that, you
17 know, we may be looking at a tax anticipation note,
18 and that's not to put the fear in anyone. I know
19 there was some questions about that last month, but
20 that's something that usually county government goes
21 through every summer when the tax funds for the year
22 dry up, meaning we've taken most of our tax revenues
23 between November and January 1st, November 1st
24 and January 1st and the budget runs January 1st
25 through December 31st. So unless we have some other

1 funds that come in through grants or courts or
2 whatever, those funds traditionally dry up. About
3 October 1st, we'll start bringing in more money.
4 Also in October we will be receiving our insurance
5 premium tax. That's collected throughout the year
6 by the State of Georgia and it's sent to us in one
7 lump sum. If they send it to us a little earlier,
8 we may not have to have that tax anticipation note,
9 but like the State, they like to keep that money and
10 make the interest off of it. So we'll be getting
11 that. Traditionally it's been running about 600 to
12 \$700,000, so we should -- we're looking okay.
13 Hopefully, we won't have to have a tax anticipation
14 loan. I'm just giving fair warning.

15 The general fund is now down to
16 500,000, half a million. So it is -- you know, it's
17 just like any other year, it's going down, but the
18 good thing is the local option sales tax and the
19 special purpose local option sales tax, we did see a
20 turn this time for the first time in about four
21 months. It's up over what we collected last year.
22 I think last year we were 188,000, something like
23 that. It's 200,000 this month, so that's good.
24 Some of our local businesses have told me that their
25 business has actually been up the months of March,

1 April and May, especially May. So we're hopefully
2 seeing a little bit of a turn and hopefully it will
3 stick. Just remember to shop local.

4 MR. BRANDON: Just to expand on what
5 Don was talking about there, one of the -- on the
6 tax anticipation note, if you don't have a
7 sufficient reserve in the summer when it starts
8 getting -- when your normal revenue sources drop,
9 then you're going to always do that. So that's why
10 in the budget process, you always need to make sure
11 you have enough of a reserve fund set aside to avoid
12 having to go borrow money and last year we
13 probably -- I don't know what the cost of the money
14 we borrowed for such a short time last year was, but
15 it wasn't all that egregious, but if you can
16 anticipate this in advance, you're better off.

17 However, one of the things that's
18 hitting us really hard this year is fuel costs.
19 It's sort of a double-edged sword. I mean, on one
20 side, it's costing us an enormous more to buy fuel
21 than we did, but we're collecting a little bit more
22 on sales tax, not a whole lot, not enough to offset
23 it, but it does offset a little.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: Budgeted for the month
25 of May was \$14,861 for gasoline and actually we

1 spent \$19,500 and we actually built in a rather
2 substantial increase last year to accommodate this
3 year. Apparently, not enough. And, of course,
4 that's true everywhere. That's almost \$5,000 short
5 and that's just for one month.

6 MR. BRANDON: Okay. Thank you, Don.
7 One more thing, I'll jump back and take the
8 chairman's prerogative and something that I should
9 have mentioned and I didn't. I don't know why I
10 forgot this because I'm intimately involved in it.
11 We -- the Fred A. Morgan American Legions Post 106
12 had elections last month and for the first time in
13 the history of the American Legion in Dade County,
14 we now have a female commander as the commander of
15 the American Legion Post, Ms. Beverly Hawkins. She
16 is the daughter of Mr. Briney Bethune. She's going
17 to do a great job. She's already involved in that.
18 We encourage all of you to, if you see her,
19 congratulate her and if you're not doing anything on
20 Friday and Saturday night, come on down and play
21 bingo with us because we need the money.

22 Moving along on legal matters, I'll ask
23 the county attorney for an update on our lawsuit.
24 Do you know anything different from the last time?

25 MR. ROGERS: There have been no new

1 developments on that, on either the Blevins
2 litigation or Christina Holmes.

3 MR. BRANDON: Do you think any of these
4 will be solved in our lifetime?

5 MR. ROGERS: I do. In fact, I would
6 have anticipated we would have had a hearing
7 scheduled this past month and I do think that will
8 occur this next month.

9 MR. BRANDON: Now, if this goes to a
10 jury trial, it will be held in Dade County?

11 MR. ROGERS: I don't anticipate this
12 will go to a jury trial because there's really no
13 factual issues. They're all legal issues which are
14 decided by the judge, so I don't anticipate a jury
15 trial.

16 MR. BRANDON: Okay. I'll ask the clerk
17 if we have any unfinished business?

18 MR. TOWNSEND: No.

19 MR. BRANDON: Under new business, we
20 have the final reading of Home Rule Ordinance
21 06-05-08. I'll ask the county attorney to read that
22 again. This will be the last time, and use your
23 microphone, if you would, please, sir.

24 MR. ROGERS: It's the Home Rule
25 Ordinance to amend local acts regarding the Dade

1 County Commission's authority to recommend
2 appointments to independent boards, agencies and
3 bodies. Whereas Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 1
4 of the Georgia Constitution grants counties and
5 municipalities Home Rule powers authorizing them to
6 amend or repeal the local acts applicable to the
7 governing authority of the county or municipality;
8 and whereas, an act creating the Board of
9 Commissioners and Chairperson/County Executive as
10 the local governing authority of Dade County,
11 Georgia, was approved April 4, 1991, and amended
12 particularly by an act approved May 1, 2002; and
13 whereas, Section 9, Paragraph A, Paragraph 23 of the
14 1991 Act vests in the Board of Commissioners power
15 to make appointments to independent boards, agencies
16 and bodies from recommendations of the Board,
17 Chairperson/County Executive; and whereas, the Board
18 of Commissioners deems it to be in the best interest
19 of Dade County to empower the Board of Commissioners
20 to consider and make appointments to independent
21 boards, agencies, and bodies from the
22 recommendations of the Chairperson/County Executive
23 or any member of the Board of Commissioners; and
24 whereas, in accordance with the Home Rule provisions
25 of Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 1(b)(1) of the

1 Georgia Constitution, the Board of Commissioners
2 desires to amend by ordinance the local acts and to
3 empower the Commission to make appointments to
4 independent boards, agencies and bodies from the
5 recommendations of the Chairperson/County Executive
6 or any member of the Board of Commissioners. Now,
7 therefore, be it ordained that Section 9(a) (23) of
8 1991 act of the local acts shall be amended by
9 deleting in full the existing provisions and
10 replacing the same with the following: Paragraph
11 23, to make appointments to independent boards,
12 agencies, and bodies from the recommendations of the
13 Chairperson/County Executive or any member of the
14 Board of -- or of any member of the Board of
15 Commissioners. This amendment is to be effective
16 upon its adoption at two regular meeting of the Dade
17 County Board of Commissioners. All provisions in
18 the local act not specifically amended by this
19 ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
20 Passed and adopted on this 1st day of May and 5th
21 day of June, 2008.

22 MR. BRANDON: Okay. Do I have a motion
23 that we pass this Ordinance 06-05-08?

24 MR. PITTMAN: I'll make that motion.

25 MR. BRANDON: I have a motion. Is

1 there a second?

2 MS. MOORE: I'll second.

3 MR. BRANDON: I have a motion and a
4 second. Is there any discussion? I'll call the
5 roll. Mr. Young?

6 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

7 MR. BRANDON: Ms. Moore?

8 MS. MOORE: Yes.

9 MR. BRANDON: Mr. Pittman?

10 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

11 MR. BRANDON: Mr. Lowery?

12 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

13 MR. BRANDON: And the chair votes no.
14 The motion passes.

15 Next up we had another issue that was
16 carried over from the work session dealing with the
17 replacement of the roof on the old courthouse. The
18 issue is that it leaks like a sieve, to put it
19 bluntly. We are in a position where it is on the
20 National Registry of Historic Places, although it's
21 not -- it's got a lot of parts that aren't historic
22 anymore. But anything you do to it is expensive and
23 that includes replacing the roof and replacing the
24 roof on an old building is not really as simple as
25 you would hope it would be because anything you're

1 doing with old buildings like that are always going
2 to cost more. The decision before the Commission
3 was to -- whether or not to hire a firm to help us
4 design -- come up with the specs to go out for
5 request for proposal for somebody else to put the
6 roof on the building.

7 Now, the quote that we got from -- what
8 section was that under, Sarah, seven? The quote
9 that we got from this one architectural firm was
10 \$23,670 and that's just to tell us how to -- for
11 them to write the RFP so we can get bids to put the
12 roof on there, \$23,670. So we had some discussion
13 at the work session and we couldn't get a consensus
14 to put it on the consent agenda. So that's why we
15 brought it up in the regular meeting.

16 So the issue before us now is whether
17 or not to hire the firm of Lord Aeck Sargent to come
18 up with this plan and to pay them for that service
19 \$23,670. Do I have a motion that we do that?

20 MS. MOORE: Well, I guess there would
21 be some discussion.

22 MR. BRANDON: We'll have some
23 discussion after we have a motion and a second.

24 MS. MOORE: I'll make the motion that
25 we do this.

1 MR. BRANDON: Is there a second?

2 Hearing no second, the motion fails for lack of a
3 second.

4 We will -- now, what I would recommend
5 without just letting it die, because we have to do
6 something, is that we go out and get other bids and
7 ask this same company to also rebid on coming up
8 with the specs to have this done because what we've
9 done here is we've picked one company and asked them
10 for a bid and they didn't have any competition just
11 like the radio issue that we talked about in the
12 work session. You're always going to bid more if
13 you know you're the only one bidding and you've got
14 it locked in.

15 So what I would recommend is that we
16 get another company, another architectural firm that
17 deals with historic buildings and get another bid
18 and have these folks resubmit as well and we can
19 take it up again at the next meeting.

20 MS. MOORE: Could I say something about
21 that?

22 MR. BRANDON: Certainly.

23 MS. MOORE: Jack Pyburn, the one that
24 gave us this is the one that did the original one on
25 the courthouse and there's a lot of brick damage at

1 the courthouse now, a lot of water infiltration that
2 has gone throughout the whole building there and at
3 a later date, it's all going to have to be replaced
4 inside, but to seal the bricks and get the bricks
5 like they need to be, needs to be, that needs to be
6 looked into even before the roof can be fixed
7 because you need to get all of that structure
8 underway.

9 And on the project understanding here,
10 it -- of course, the flashing, which we've heard
11 many, many times and affixed many, many times and
12 I've been over there many, many times with all the
13 water leaks and the damages and I would just think
14 that -- and in this proposal they were talking about
15 getting -- when the bid is written up, to do not
16 only just the roof, but the brick work and the
17 flashing and all of that, that it's done correctly
18 and because that has been going on and on for the
19 last 25 years and it needs to be stopped and it
20 needs to be done correctly and they were going to --
21 according to this, even when they prepare the bids
22 for the final analysis for what needs to be done,
23 they would also come on site and make sure and
24 follow up with them that it's being done properly.

25 And there is a grant -- also who met

1 with us was Dan Latham with Coosa Valley and there
2 is a grant available that could help us pay the cost
3 of this. Maybe -- I don't know if it would be a
4 60/40 or what, but he was pretty sure we could
5 probably get that grant to help us pay that cost,
6 which we have about \$200,000 left in our last
7 S.P.L.O.S.T for the courthouse for 2004 and it would
8 come out of those funds.

9 But every time they've put a roof on
10 there, they've still had the same problems, the same
11 brick structure failure, flashing and we've just
12 spent thousands of dollars and I just think it's
13 time and this is not a new person. Jack Pyburn was
14 the original one of this who has the original plan
15 of the whole building. It's not just somebody out
16 of the blue that came. But this has got -- also the
17 windows will need to be replaced at a later date.
18 Water damage has come down into the windows and if
19 you want to stick to the same historic preservation,
20 you need to go back to different kinds of windows at
21 a later date and there are grants available out
22 there and I think the deadline on this one, was it
23 July, Don? And we need to apply for it right away
24 to try to get -- just to pay for this to do it in a
25 professional manner and that's just where I'm coming

1 from on this.

2 MR. BRANDON: Thank you, Ms. Moore.

3 We're up to item number eight.

4 MR. LOWERY: Now that she brought that
5 up, do we need to instruct our clerk to go ahead and
6 apply for that grant?

7 MR. BRANDON: I don't think we need to
8 vote on applying for the grant. That's just
9 something we do as a matter of course.

10 We're up to citizen participation. Is
11 there anyone who would like to address your fellow
12 citizens? Seeing no hands and there being no
13 further -- oh, I'm sorry.

14 MS. REYNOLDS: Actually, I would like
15 to address the Commissioners. The incident with
16 Shaw this week kind of brought to light the fine
17 line we walk between losing jobs and increased costs
18 and everything and I would like to bring before the
19 Commissioners and have them publicly talk and do
20 whatever they do behind the scenes about keeping our
21 expenses, county expenses present and future,
22 long-term expenses under control with the way the
23 economy is going. I think everybody is pretty aware
24 that everybody's expenses are going up, things we
25 can't control and we can't really count on

1 collecting a lot of sales tax. It's kind of a
2 double-edged sword like Mr. Brandon said earlier.
3 You pay more for stuff so you create more sales tax,
4 but in the long run people are going to have less
5 money to spend, so you're going to eventually
6 collect less sales tax and the projects on
7 S.P.L.O.S.T are long-term projects that the property
8 owners have to maintain once they're put into place
9 and I think the citizens would like to hear from the
10 Commissioners how they're going to keep things under
11 in this poor economy that Shaw really brought to
12 light and we kind of dodged the bullet on that one,
13 but there's another one coming right behind it.

14 MR. BRANDON: Thank you. One of the
15 things -- I should have mentioned this as well.
16 We -- there were some people who did a lot of work
17 on the Shaw issue. I met with Peter Cervelli, spoke
18 with Jeff Mullis. They deserve a lot of credit for
19 taking the initiative to try to help save this. I
20 think -- and I've told Peter this and I'm sure he
21 wouldn't mind if I shared it with you. I hope that
22 what we did made a difference in their decision not
23 to close this complaint, but I think more than
24 anything, we got lucky because Shaw Industries is
25 owned by Berkshire Hathaway, which is owned by

1 Mr. Buffet, Warren Buffet, one of the richest men in
2 the world, and the amount of money that we kicked
3 in, I don't know if it made a decision for them
4 financially. I'm sure it made some kind of an
5 emotional impact that showed our commitment to Shaw
6 by keeping them here, but I think more than anything
7 is that they may have made a decision in our favor
8 anyway. It certainly didn't hurt what we did, but
9 Peter and Senator Mullis deserve a lot of credit in
10 taking the initiative to do that, but I think we got
11 lucky and I think that Joanne is right and we need
12 to be cognizant of the spending because when you are
13 doing a S.P.L.O.S.T, what you don't want to do is
14 build long-term projects with short-term money.

15 Anything that you do, if it's pass
16 paving a road or buying a patrol car, you've got
17 expenses ongoing tied up in that that you've got to
18 make sure you have a commitment to in the out years
19 in future years. So you need to make sure that
20 you're not, again, building long-term projects with
21 short-term money that's going to run out and then
22 you still have to maintain it down the road and I
23 agree with you 100 percent.

24 Anyone else? Seeing no other hands,
25 nobody else?

1 MR. LOWERY: We're not allowed to talk
2 about the S.P.L.O.S.T projects too much, are we, the
3 S.P.L.O.S.T. tax itself, why we did what we did?

4 MR. ROGERS: Are you talking about the
5 S.P.L.O.S.T that's being voted on July 15? You can
6 talk about what's on the S.P.L.O.S.T, but you can't
7 advocate as a Commissioner, you know, to approve it
8 or not to approve it.

9 MS. MOORE: Well, one thing about it, I
10 know that I've had a lot of questions and a lot of
11 people have asked -- did you want to talk?

12 MR. LOWERY: No. I'm sorry, Sarah.

13 MS. MOORE: And they say, well, why
14 aren't you advertising it, why aren't you out there
15 talking about it? And as you just heard, the
16 Commissioners can't go out and pay money out of
17 county funds to advertise, but we can come out as an
18 individual and talk about it. But one thing that is
19 being worked on possibly -- well, not possibly.
20 They are being worked on, getting brochures out so
21 that the public will be aware of what all of those
22 projects are and those projects, I'm sure, will be
23 listed again in the media and also everyone could
24 have access to a brochure that will be talking about
25 it. We can't -- I understand we can't go out and

1 actually promote it, but other groups can. Is that
2 the way I'm understanding it? So it's just the law
3 that we can't advertise, but we can come out and
4 like write a letter to the editor or something like
5 that and discuss what they are is the way I
6 understand it.

7 MR. ROGERS: In your individual
8 capacity, but not as a Commissioner.

9 MS. MOORE: Not as a Commissioner.
10 Okay.

11 MR. BRANDON: Okay. There being no
12 further business before this Commission, we stand
13 adjourned. Thank you.

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15 END OF MEETING
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24 My commission expires
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